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## IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS COUNTY DEPARTMENT - LAW DIVISION CLERK DOROTHY BROWN

FRANCES KAY MILLS,	)
Plaintiff,	) )
	No. :
vs.	)
COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP., a Washington corporation,	) Cal.:
Defendant.	

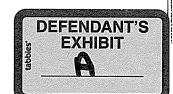
## COMPLAINT AT LAW

NOW COMES Plaintiff, FRANCES KAY MILLS, by and through her attorney, Leonard S. Becker, Attorney at Law, complaining of Defendant, COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP., a Washington corporation, and states as follows:

- 1. That at the time of said occurrence hereinafter complained of and prior,

  Defendant, Costco Wholesale Corp., was and is a Washington corporation doing business in

  Illinois.
- 2. That on and prior to February 20, 2016, Defendant owned, rented, maintained, possessed, managed, controlled and/or inspected property located at 7311 N. Melvina, Village of Niles, County of Cook, State of Illinois at which it operated one of its wholesale stores (hereinafter the "Store").
- 3. That on and prior to February 20, 2016, there was a women's bathroom inside the Store located near the Store's front entrance and lawfully used by patrons of the Store.
- 4. That on February 20, 2016 at approximately 11:00 am at the place aforesaid, Plaintiff, a patron of the Store, was lawfully upon said premises and was intending to enter the aforesaid women's bathroom.



- 5. At all times relevant, Plaintiff was in the exercise of due care and calition for her own safety.
- 6. That it then and there became, and was, the duty of the Defendant by and through its employees and agents to exercise reasonable care and caution in the ownership, possession, control, maintenance, repair and upkeep of the floor outside the entrance to aforesaid women's bathroom, particularly at said place, so as to avoid causing injury to the Plaintiff and other persons lawfully walking on said floor.
- 7. As a direct and proximate result of the negligence of Defendant as hereinafter specified, Plaintiff was caused to slip, stumble, trip and violently fall on the floor outside the entrance to the Store's women's bathroom due to the dangerous condition of said floor, to wit; said floor was unreasonably wet and slippery.
- 8. That by disregarding its duty in the premises, Defendant was then and there guilty of one or more of the following negligent acts or omissions, to wit:
- a. Carelessly and negligently failed to maintain said floor at said place in a reasonably safe condition for use by patrons;
- b. Carclessly and negligently failed to warn the Plaintiff and other patrons approaching the women's bathroom of the dangerous conditions existing thereon, although it knew, or in exercise of ordinary care should have known or had notice of said condition and the danger thereon;
- c. Carelessly and negligently failed to provide adequate lighting in said structure to allow for patrons such as Plaintiff to observe and recognize the danger associated with the wet and slippery floor; and

- d. Otherwise carelessly and negligently maintained and controlfed said floor so as to cause injury to the Plaintiff.
- 9. That as a direct and proximate result of one or more of the above set forth wrongful acts or omissions on the part of Defendant, Plaintiff was injured and suffered permanent bodily injuries, internal and external, internal derangements, severe bruises and contusions, incurred severe pain and suffering, suffered a severe shock to her nervous system, incurred medical expenses and loss of income, and was otherwise permanently injured.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, FRANCES KAY MILLS, prays for judgment against Defendant, COSTCO WHOLESALE CORP., a Washington corporation, in a sum in excess of FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$50,000.00) plus costs.

## **RULE 222 AFFIDAVIT**

The damages sought in this complaint are in excess of \$50,000.00.

Leonard S. Becker

Leonard S. Becker Attorney for Plaintiff 311 N. Aberdeen Suite 200D Chicago, IL 60607 (312) 492-7700 lenbecker@lsblaw.net Atty. No. 30278

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	R/A CT CORPORATION SYSTEM	
	208 SOUTH LASALLE ST.	
	218	
	CHICAGO, IL 60604	
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Atty. for: FRANCES KAY MILLS	DOROTHY BROWN, Clerk of Coan ( )	
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City/State/Zip Code: CHICAGO, IL 60607	Date of Service:	
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